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TAGS: BEXP, OVIP (KOPEC, ALEKSANDER), PL

SUBJ: VISIT OF MINISTER OF MACHINE INDUSTRY ALEKSANDER KOPEC

1. MINISTER KOPEC PLANS TO VISIT THE US APRIL 3-11 AT THE INVITATION OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CHAIRMAN BROOKS MCCORMICK. IN ADDITION TO FIVE DAYS OF MEETINGS AT INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER FACILITIES IN CHICAGO, ARIZONA, AND OTHER LOCATIONS, WE UNDERSTAND THE MINISTER WILL PROBABLY MEET WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF GENERAL ELECTRIC, AND POSSIBLY ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL AND TEXTRON, INC. APRIL 8-10. AS CURRENTLY FORESEEN, THE MINISTER'S SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT MEETINGS WITH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON EITHER LATE AFTERNOON ON APRIL 10 OF THE MORNING OF APRIL 11. WE HAVE TOLD MINISTRY OFFICIALS THAT WE WOULD BE GLAD TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE MINISTER ON THOSE DAYS AND TO ASK WASHINGTON FOR SUGGESTIONS.

2. AS MINISTER OF THE MACHINE INDUSTRY, KOPEC DIRECTS A RANGE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES ENCOMPASSING NOT ONLY PRODUCTION OF VEHICLES, BUT ALSO CONSUMER APPLIANCES (SUCH AS THE RCA-CORNING GLASS COLOR PICTURE TUBE PLANT), AVIATION EQUIPMENT, MACHINE TOOLS, AND COMPUTERS. HE IS THUS IN A KEY POSITION TO INFLUENCE THE DIRECTION OF US-POLISH TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION.

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3. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT MEETINGS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK BE ARRANGED FOR MINISTER KOPEC. POLISH OFFICIALS IN THE PAST HAVE POINTED OUT THAT HEADS OF INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES, SUCH AS KOPEC, ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO ADDRESS OFFICIAL GOP TRADE OR FINANCIAL POLICY. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, NOT SUGGEST

SEPARATE MEETINGS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE WHICH WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS MIGHT BE ARRANGED
FOR MINISTER KOPEC. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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